

**PROGRAMME OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
FOR THE YEARS 2025-28**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago hereinafter referred to as the sides.

Desirous of strengthening and developing friendly relations and co-operation between the two countries and their peoples inspired by their common desire to broaden their relations in the sphere of culture.

On the basis of the Cultural cooperation Agreement concluded at Port of Spain on March 13, 1987, between the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and the Government of Republic of India.

Have agreed on the following programme of cultural exchanges for the years 2025-2028.

Article 1

Both sides shall exchange one exhibition during the validity of the programme on arts/craft to be accompanied by one expert/art commissioner.

Article 2

Both sides shall exchange 4 persons in the field of dance/music/theatre for lecture-demonstration.

Article 3

Both sides shall send one performing ensemble up to 20 persons.

Article 4

Both sides shall send cultural delegations to each other's country on important occasions/festivals.

Article 5

Both sides shall exchange one cultural anthropologist for about six weeks visit to the universities/institutions engaged in social science research to get acquainted about the present trends in social science research.

Article 6

Both sides shall exchange 20/25 colour reproductions of master pieces of art.

Article 7

Both sides shall consider the possibilities of collaboration between Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts and (i) Central Library of Trinidad & Tobago (NALIS) (ii) National Archives; and (iii) National Museum and Art Gallery, all at Port of Spain for exchange of microfilm/microfiche, photographs, slides, books etc of the national festivals of each country.

Article 8

Both sides shall exchange experts in the field of stone, metal, paper and to other museum objects. The duration of the visit shall be decided through diplomatic channels.

Article 9

Both sides shall exchange an expert in the field of archaeology, including museums/conservation and publications on archaeology.

Article 10

Both sides shall send to each other's country 2 artists (painter/sculptor).

Article 11

Both sides shall exchange a scholar in the field of techniques of museum objects between Indian Museum at Kolkata and National Museum in Trinidad and Tobago for visiting museums in the other's country, especially for studying display techniques of museum objects there.

Article 12

Both sides shall exchange their respective indigenous theatrical genres.

Article 13

Both sides shall exchange performing artistes in the field of Music and classical & folk dance. India while sending artistes will also include folk dance troupes from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and Chhau (mask dance), Gatkd, Odissi, Bharat Natyam, and artistes perform and conduct workshop featuring instruments such as santoor, veena, sarod, tabla and sitar.

Trinidad and Tobago while sending their troupes shall also send artistes on Percussion (Steel Pan) and other forms of cultural expressions. Details may be worked out through diplomatic channels.

Article 14

Both sides shall exchange radio/TV programme and documentaries depicting various facets of life, catalogues, radio/TV materials and related information.

Article 15

Both sides shall exchange two journalists, one from government and the other from private media.

Article 16

Both sides shall organize festivals of feature and documentary films and extend invitations for participation in International Film Festivals to be organized by the respective countries.

Article 17

Both sides shall facilitate the activities of their respective cultural institutions. In this direction both the sides will encourage signing of long term agreements/ MoUs between the cultural institutions in the government sector of the two countries.

Article 18

The Programme does not exclude additional proposals, which are within the scope of the Cultural Agreement. Such measures shall be mutually agreed upon by both sides and confirmed through an exchange of notes between the respective Ministries of Culture of the two sides.

Article 19

The general and financial terms in the Annexure shall form an integral part of the Cultural Exchange Programme. Wherever not provided for specifically, the financial terms shall be decided through mutual consultation.

Article 20

This Programme shall come into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of three years. Both sides shall mutually consider and evaluate this Programme every three years before the renewal of the Programme.

All additional matters that might arise in the course of the Programme shall be settled through diplomatic channels.

Done in duplicate, in Port of Spain on 04 July 2025 in Hindi and English, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of difference in the interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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GENERAL AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

1. EXCHANGE OF INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS

- a) Each side shall send to the other side the bio-data (including languages spoken and proposed itinerary) at least two (2) months in advance of the expected date of visit of the delegation or individuals selected under this Programme and at least three (3) months in advance in the case of performing delegations and exhibitions. The receiving side shall intimate the acceptance or otherwise of the proposals within one (1) month of the proposal.
- b) After the approval to the proposal has been received, the sending side shall inform the receiving side at least four (4) weeks in advance of the details of the programme.
- c) Person(s) or delegation invited should know either the language of the receiving side or English.
- d) Both sides shall extend all facilities to the delegations and individuals sent from the other country to get acquainted with the culture and life of the host country.

2. EXCHANGE OF EXHIBITIONS

- a) Separate agreements shall be reached between the sending side and the receiving side with regard to exhibitions.
- b) The sending country shall inform the receiving country about the technical details of the proposed exhibition.
- c) The necessary information for the elaboration of the corresponding catalogue must be sent three (3) months before the inauguration date.

- d) The art exhibits must arrive at their destination before the opening of the exhibition at the appropriate time according to the agreement of both sides.

3. EXCHANGE OF MATERIALS

Each contracting party shall have the right to use the materials exchanged in the fields of information, radio and television in its own programmes and such programmes should not be given by the receiving side to a third party. The sending side shall be responsible for authors' and artists' rights as well as for transportation expenses.

B. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS:

4. EXCHANGE OF EXHIBITIONS

- a) The sending side shall cover the costs connected with the transportation of the exhibits to the first city of arrival in the receiving country and from the first city back to the sending country.
- b) The receiving side shall cover the costs connected with the transportation of the exhibits to all other places in its territory and back to the first city of arrival in the receiving country.
- c) The receiving side shall ensure at its own expense the installation of the exhibition, security for the safety of the exhibits and its propagation, including the preparation of catalogues, brochures, etc. and including the cost of insurance for the entire period of the exhibition is in its territory.
- d) The sending side shall cover the cost of insurance on a wall-to-wall basis. In case the sending side suffers any damage to the exhibits upon their arrival at the receiving country, the receiving side is obliged to obtain all the documentation relating to the damages to enable the

sending side to claim compensation from the insurance company. The costs connected with the acquisition of the said documentation are to be covered by the receiving side.

e) Any other clause to be agreed to.

5. **EXCHANGE OF INDIVIDUALS/DELEGATIONS/TROUPES**

Unless otherwise specified, the sending side shall cover all costs and expenses of international travel and transportation, personal health insurance and personal expenditure (laundry, long distance calls, extra expenses beyond provision of the receiving side) of the delegations. The receiving side shall provide all internal expenses including local transportation, accommodation, meals and insurance for accidents during the visit.
